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SUBJECT: UKRAINE-RUSSIA: POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE GAS CRISIS REF: KYIV 204 Classified By: Ambassador William Taylor. Reasons: 1.4 (b,d).

Summary ----- 1. (C) The December-January gas crisis, referred to by Ukrainian interlocutors as the gas "war," is the latest episode in a gen